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Comptroller, OSA

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SUBJECT:

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9308-70, dated 15 June 1970, Same Subject.

- 1. When the President announced in February 1964 that the Air Force had developed a High Mach Interceptor this information was eagerly received both in this country and abroad. At this time there was great interest in an SST Program, but little concrete had been done.
- 2. As a result of the OXCART Program, advanced techniques were developed in High Mach aircraft, particularly in the use of titanium alloys and its machining, forging, fabrication, and assembly and in the technology involved in the J-58 engine.
- 3. On 8 March 1964, the British Minister of Aviation and a number of aides went to Edwards Air Force Base for a briefing on the A-1. This briefing was rather limited because no security procedure had yet been established as to what information could be disclosed.
- 4. On 9 March 1964, a briefing was held at Lockheed for controlled dissemination of information and technology to Lockheed's competitors and senior officials of various airlines. These people were fitting the role of consultants to FAA on supersonic aircraft.
- 5. On 26 October 1964, a briefing was held at Pratt & Whitney on the J-58 engine. Present were members of the FAA and senior officials of various airlines. This briefing was to make J-58 engine technology available for consideration of the SST Program.
- 6. In order to protect the OXCART Program from compromise and to allow the dissemination and exploitation of the technology derived from the development of the A-12, a new security system called UNLOCK was established. This system provided for three categories of information to be given out on a need-to-know basis.

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Approved For Release 2001/11/15 : CIA-RDP33-02415A000400400023-7 NDLE VIA 25X1A CONTROL SYSTEM SECRET NRO NRO 25X1A Page Two In order to have a central point to pass out information and to pass on security clearances of those requesting the information, an office was established in April 1964 within the Air Force Systems Command. All data to be given out was to be under the guise of the SR-71 or the YF-12. No mention was to be made of the A-12 as a reconnaissance vehicle. NRO 25X1A 8. At the request of the in June, 1970, Director of Special Activities requested Lockheed, to help in disclosing High NRO Mach production and flight test data for use in industry for SST Advanced Bomber, and fighter aircraft. stated that the 25X1A President's National Aeronautics and Space Councily is charged with stablishing cross talk between manufacturers in the aircraft industry to take advantage of current technology in order to avoid NRO wasteful duplication of provious P&D. The Gounce submitted a list of questions which equire answers heretofore unreleased 25X1A esitant in the past to release much data because of security restraints and because they claim some data is proprietary to answer the questions for the Council and has been told that cosis or com 25X1A9A Deputy Chief Contracts Management Division, OSA 25X1A9A CMD/OSA/ NR(23 Jun 70) Distribution: Orig - Compt/OSA 2 - CMD/OSA 3 - CMD/Facility Fir 4 - Chrono 5 - RB/OSA 6 - ss/osa

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